

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2878 PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-14 presently stand finally rejected. Specifically, claims 1, 4/1, 5 and 8/5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mueller et al. (USP 6,373,074) in view of Endriz (USP 5,594,752) and claims 2, 3, 4/2, 4/3, 6, 7, 8/6, 8/7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mueller et al. in view of Endriz and Ishiwata (USP 6,157,756).